

ELIJAH DAVIS AND SUSAN MOLINDA WALL



Elijah Davis was born August 15, 1850, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, son of William Luce Davis, born in 1824, in Indiana, who died very suddenly July 5, 1852, at Platte River, Nebraska, while on their way to Utah. Elijah's mother was America Jane Overland. She was born in 1827, in Kentucky. She married her husband's brother after William's death. She died in 1874 and is buried at Wallsburg. Elijah died August 22, 1922.

Elijah's wife, Susan, was a daughter of William Madison Wall, who was born September 11, 1858, in Provo, and died at the Heber Hospital at 99 years of age. Her mother was Elizabeth Penrod, who was born September 9, 1836, in Illinois, and died April 14, 1925, at Wallsburg.

Elijah hauled the U. S. mail many years, receiving \$1 a day. He had to go, no matter what kind of weather or if it was possible to get through deep drifting snow, or if the river was so high it was hazardous to ford it on horseback. Elijah had the first shingle mill in Wallsburg, furnishing many shingles to Wasatch and Utah County users.

Their children: William E., Willmirth,



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John, Nettie, Willard, Lenn, Lula, Nellie and Ora.

SUSAN MOLINDA WALL DAVIS

Susan Molinda Wall Davis was born September 11, 1858, at Provo, Utah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Penrod Wall. She married Elijah Davis on January 5, 1875. To them were born nine children. There were many hardship for the girl. She served as a nurse and midwife. She died at the age of 99, in September, 1957.

History given by Ora Parcell, a daughter.

I think you will agree that what I am writing is really history, as it was given to me this March 14th, 1957, by my mother, who is still living at the age of 98, and will be 99 September 11 next. She is Susan Molinda Wall Davis. She is the last living child of the late Elizabeth and William Wall. The town of Wallsburg was named after her father.

She recalls they had many hardships when she was a girl. As there were five wives and 30 children, everyone had to cooperate and work hard. They only had one Sunday or best dress each year. Her mother would spin the wool and another wife, Aunt Emma Wall, wove the cloth and then the dress was made by hand.

They had but one pair of shoes during the winter and in summer went barefooted. In the year 1875, on January 5, she married Elijah Davis, and to them were born nine children, three boys and six girls. Six of the children are still living. On August 22, 1922, my father passed away.

She has been a very active worker all her life. When the roads and weather were too bad for a doctor to come, she has been a nurse and midwife to many a family in town. Many a time she has gone with both the Drs. Dannenberg and a few times with Dr. Nielson when he first came to Wasatch County. Confinement cases were nearly all taken care of in the home. Some went to the hospital, but most all were at home, and she was always ready to go when called to help.

After the children were reared she had for her hobby star quilt making, completing more than 100. Then she started to crochet hair pin lace for pillow cases, but last year she could not see so well to do this kind of work.

She was very active in Relief Society work as a visiting teacher. She helped to collect funds to build the little Relief Society room that still stands on the corner of the Church lot. She always wants to go to the ward and county parties. She attended the old folks' party held at Daniels Ward last fall, and this spring, on February 23, 1957, she was able to go to the ward reunion and enjoy herself as the oldest member of the ward and also of the county.

A picture we as a family will never forget was when President Cummings and his lovely wife took hold of her arm and walked up the aisle and helped her to her dinner table. It was an honor to him and we feel it is a big honor to her and the family to have the president of our stake help the oldest member as they did that day. Thanks again to President and Mrs. Cummings.